

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION
by the
Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS, our most precious commodity is our children, and the investment we make in their development today will benefit their health and strengthen California for the future; and

WHEREAS, the early intervention service system works to ensure that infants and toddlers receive coordinated services and support early enough to reduce the need for special services in later years; and

WHEREAS, California's Early Start Program, one of the largest and most diverse early intervention service systems in the nation, annually provides coordinated, family-centered services and support to more than 33,000 infants, toddlers and their families;

WHEREAS, Early Start Month was established to increase awareness about early intervention services available for infants and toddlers at risk of, or with developmental delays or disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, this year, California will celebrate a decade of service by Early Start family resource centers/networks that are dedicated to supporting families and meeting children's special needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRAY DAVIS, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim March 2003 as "Early Start Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of February 2003.



Gray Davis
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Kerri Puley
Secretary of State